## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Claims Listing:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a command and control system including a track management system and sensors, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a track management system and sensors;

providing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) application server capable of receiving data in a <u>JAVA TWO ENTERPRISE EDITION (J2EE)</u> <u>Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE)</u> compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information from at least said sensors, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a <u>J2EE</u> <del>Java Two</del> Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

providing a plurality of computer processing arrangements, each of which is capable of processing JAVA Java;

in said application server, processing said J2EE compliant data with a plurality of ENTERPRISE JAVABEANS Enterprise Java Beans software components, establishing those of said computer processing arrangements in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and

providing said processed data to a user.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a command and control system including a track management system and sensors, said method comprising the steps of: providing a track management system and sensors;

providing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) application server arrangement capable of receiving data in a <u>JAVA TWO ENTERPRISE EDITION (J2EE)</u> <u>Java Two Enterprise Edition</u> (J2EE) compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information from at least said sensors, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a <u>J2EE</u> <u>Java Two</u> <u>Enterprise Edition (J2EE)</u> compliant protocol;

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providing a computer processing arrangement which is capable of processing J2EE compliant software components;

in said application server arrangement, processing said J2EE compliant data with one of (a) an ENTERPRISE JAVABEANS Enterprise Java Bean software component arrangement and (b) a Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) software component arrangement to establish those of said computer processing arrangements in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and providing said processed data to a user.

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